Universities-one in the East Coast and one in the West Coast- in India. Sir, Visakhapatnam is an ideal location for the Maritime University on the East Coast due to following reasons:

1. Andhra Pradesh is having the longest coastine of 980 kms. among the East coast maritime States and studded with 12 State ports.

2. Visakhapatnam is ideally and centrally located in the East Coast of India.

3. Dredging Corporation of India is located and operated for Visakhapatnam.

Sir, Maritime Engineering course has been introduced in Andhra University around 1968 and produced a number of maritime engineers. The Eastern Naval Command Head Quarters, the Hindustan Shipyard, the National Ship Design and Research Centre and the Regional Centre of the National Institute of Oceanography are located at Visakhapatnam.

The Government of Andhra pradesh has also expressed its willingness to provide the necessary land for the establishment of the Maritime University at Visakhapatnam.

Hence, I request the Government of India to expedite the process of establishment of Maritime University at Visakhapatnam. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The payment of wages (amendment) Bill, 2004

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri K. Chandra Sekhar Rao, I beg to move:

"That the following amendments made by Lok Sabha in the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2004, be taken into consideration, namely:-

"ENACTING FORMULA page 1, line

1, for "Fifty-fifth", *substitute* "Fifty-sixth"

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3, for *"2004" substitute* "2005"

The question, was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI A. NARENDRA: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Amendments made by Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet at 2' O clock.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-two minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at one minute past two of the clock,

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

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Statement on Quaterly Review of Trends in receipts and expenditure under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget of Management Act. 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-sectic